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Kettle Crest North Trail Reconstruction

Kettle Falls, WA – The Colville National Forest will be reconstructing approximately 10 miles of the Kettle Crest National Recreation Trail (KCNRT) this summer. The project is located along the northern section of the KCNRT from Deer Creek Summit (County Road 602- Boulder Deer Creek Highway) south to approximately the trail's intersection with the Ryan Cabin and Big Lick trails. This reconstruction project includes restoring the trail surfaces, clearing vegetation that have grown over the trail, removing protruding rocks and roots, and repairing existing structures to drain water from trail surfaces.

“The goal is to keep the trail in its most natural state by using materials found along the trail, while bringing the trail up to Forest Service standards for hiking, biking, and equestrian use. With the KCNRT being included within the route of the congressionally designated Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail, visitor use is anticipated to increase.” Said Carmen Nielsen, Outdoor Recreation Planner on the Colville National Forest. “This project will improve user safety, decrease the impact of the trail on other resources, and will preserve the trail for future generations.” Nielsen added.

Although the trail will not be closed, trail users are advised to be cautious when approaching the work zone, to make eye contact with the operator of any equipment before approaching the equipment, and to stay well clear of equipment while it is running. Signs are posted at the Kettle Crest Trailhead and those trailheads that lead up to the KCNRT informing users of the trail reconstruction activities.

This trail reconstruction is funded through a combination of competitive Forest Service Capital Improvement program and Secure Rural Schools Act (Title II) funding. High Country Conservation LLC. has been awarded the contract to complete the work with an approximate timeframe of July 17 to September 30, 2013.

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